Columbia-Martin Harvey in "The Only Way," 8:15 p. m. Empire-The Dainty Parce Burlesquers,

Kernan's-"The Brigadiers," 8:15 p. m. Lafayette-Lavinia Shannon in "Beyond Pardon," 8:15 p. m. National-"The Wilderness," 8:15 p. m. Northeast Temple-Bazaar.

Willard Banquet Hall-Dolls' bazaar and

EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

Steamer Macalester for Mount Vernon at 10 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Steamer Norfolk for Fortress Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p.m. Cars leave Aqueduct bridge for Arlington, Fort Myer and Falls Church.

Randall line for Colonial Beach, Nomini and river landings at 4 p.m. Steamer Estelle Randall for Glymont and intermediate landings at 9:30 a. m.

Kenny's Xmas Picture (size 20x28 inches) better than ever. Free Saturday, Dec. 20. C. D. Kenny Co., S city

The Butter in Greatest Demand -among those who want the best is our "Elgin Creamery." Pure and delicious, and fresh from the creameries. Only 32c. lb. Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.'s stores.

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quality at reasonable prices is assured if purchased at KEANE'S, 34-51 Center mkt. and 9 Wholesale Row. Washington-dressed Beef and Southdown Lamb a specialty.

Sothern's Engagement Popular.

The hundreds of requests for seats for Sothern at the National Theater next week predict that this will be the most successful engagement he has ever played here. The seat and box sale opens Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock, but though many reservations have been asked for of Manager Rapley none will be made before the opening of the sale, so that all may have equal opportunity to secure choice locali-ties. Sothern has the strongest organization that has ever been seen in his sup-port here. Miss Cecelia Loftus plays Ophe-lia in "Hamlet" and the heroine in "If I Were King."

A mule team owned by L. E. Smoot, and driven by Nicholas Carrier, collided with a street car near North Capitol and P streets yesterday, and one of the animals was knocked down. A wheel of the car passed over its foot, crushing the hoof. The in-jury was not regarded as very serious.

A Word in Season.

When arranging the Xmas menu remember to put down Schneider's "Malt" Bread. It insures the success of every menu, elaborate or otherwise. Sold by all grocers. 5c.

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A coal cart and a Capital Traction car came together at 19th and Cincinnati streets northwest about 6 o'clock last night and both vehicles were damaged. Traffic on the road was delayed only a few min-

An Abundance of Christmas Supplies -including Raisins, Currants, Citron, Mince Meat, Nuts, &c. Also the finest Poultry, Meats, Vegetables and Fruits. Guaranteed prices. CHAS. H. JERMAN, 11th and I.

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Attractive Calendars Free. Call Room 42, Wash. Loan & Trust Bldg.

James Holmes, forty-one years old, fell from a street car at 4th and C streets northeast about 6 o'clock last night, and was painfully injured. Mr. Holmes was on his way to his home, 724 16th street northeast, at the time the accident occurred. The patrol wagon was summoned and the injured man was taken to the Casualty

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AUCTION SALES.

Today.

James W. Ratcliffe, auct., 920 Pa. ave. n. w.—Trustees' sale of 1837 Vernon st., Wash-ington Heights, on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 4:30 p.m. Clarence B. Rheem and Alexander T. Hensey, trustees.

This Evening.

Walter B. Williams & Co., aucts., 10th and D sts. n.w.—Sale of silverware, china, glassware, bric-a-brac, etc., daily at 7:30 p m., at auction rooms. C. G. Sloan & Co., aucts., 1407 G st. n. w .-

Annual dead letter sale daily at 7 p.m., at auction rooms. Tomorrow.

C. G. Sloan & Co., auets., 1407 G st. n. w .-Sale of oriental rugs and carpets, on Dec. 17, 18 and 19, at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., at Marcus Notes, auct.-Sale of unredeemed

pledges on Wednesday, December 17, at 10 a.m., at store of E. Heidenheimer, 1236 Pa. Thomas J. Owen & Son, aucts., 913 F st. n.w.—Chancery sale of Nos. 325 7th n.e. and to the Emergency Hospital, where Dr. Mor-715 E st. n.e., on Wednesday, December 17, at 4 and 430 p.m. Ralph P. Barnard and subsequently took her home. 715 E st. n.e., on Wednesday, December 17, at 4 and 4:30 p.m. Ralph P. Barnard and

Francis H. Stephens, trustees. James W. Ratcliffe, auct., 920 Pa. ave. n.w.—Chancery sale of property in squares 592-594, on Wednesday, December 17, at 4 p.m. Sidney T. Thomas and Irving William-son, trustees.

CITY AND DISTRICT.

Its 78th Anniversary.

Washington Commandery, Knights Templar, at its conclave to morrow will determine upon the manner of celebrating the seventy-eighth anniversary of the foundation of the commandery. This is the mother commandery of the jurisdiction, having been instituted January 14, 1825. The celebration will probable take the form of a banquet. Columbia Commandery, No. 2, the next oldest in the District, instituted nearly forty years ago, is arranging to give a ball in January. The matter is in charge of the commandery's entertainment com-mittee, headed by Past Commander J. Henry Small.

See pages 14 and 15, part 2, houses for sale by Stone & Fairfax.—Advt.

On Charge of Arson.

Clarence Wade, colored, twenty-four years old, was locked up at the 10th prednet station this morning on suspicion of arson. He was arrested after a slight fire had occurred at the house of Mrs. Sarah Carter, at Woodburn. The fire occurred about 7:30 o'clock, the side porch being badly scorched. It was evident that the fire had been started by an incendiary and Policemen Lord and Boland arrested Wade. He denies that he has any knowledge of the affair.

Real Estate Bargains. Stone & Fairfax have the best. Read their, IN CONTINUOUS SESSION.

Almas Temple's Charity Committee Begins Work for Christmas.

Almas Temple's Christmas charity committee began last night a continuous session at the office of Potentate Raymond, in the Bond building. Except for the time taken for sleep, the committee will be at work from now until Christmas night. It will not always be composed of the same nobles, but the work will go on uninterruptedly until Almas' share in the holiday festival is over. The committee is sending out and answering letters regarding contributions and other matters pertaining to the Christmas charity, and completing arrangements for that event. It will please the little ones for whom the Christmas tree is to be erected in National Rifles' Armory to know that the committee has already bought half a ton of candy and a thousand pairs of little stockings, and it has only be-

gun buying.

For the more substantial Christmas baskets for worthy families large quantities of hams and flour have been purchased, and many other details attended to. The work will keep the committee busy all the time, and volunteers are requested to assist. Thomas P. Morgan, treasurer of the Almas charity fund, will receive additional contri-butions from those desiring to see the good work extended further than the proceeds of Almas' excursion last summer will per-

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Offer many excellent bargains in house See pages 14 and 15, part 2.—Advt. See page 14, part 2.—Advt.

Oil-Burner Testing Plant Idle. The United States naval oil-burner testng plant at the foot of 8th street has been lying idle for several days for want of the necessary oil fuel with which to make steam. Since the plant went into operation, about six months ago, tests of a large number of oil-burning devices have been made, with varying degrees of success. The inventor is allowed to arrange his burners and give them a preliminary trial; then the experts take charge and an eight-hour test is made. Every ounce of oil and water used is noted, and the results are recorded and filed away for future reference. so that when the tests are ended the government will have in detail the work done by each burner, and the best one can then be se-lected, should it be deemed advisable to use oil for fuel in the smaller ships of the navy It is expected the tests of burners will coninue for six months or a year longer.

Burnett's Vanilla Extract is the fixed standard of excellence. It has outlived criticism. It is the finest and purest vanilla extract that can be bought.—Advt.

A Sacrifice Sale.

Persons taking advantage of the sacrifice sale that is now in progress at Grosner's clothing establishment, 914 F street northwest, are receiving exceptional values for their money. The entire stock of clothing that was bought by Mr. Grosvenor for the winter trade is being sold at very low prices. The store was crowded yesterday and today with bargain hunters. The bargain sale is caused by the fact that Mr. Grosner is compelled to leave his present place of business and at the present time has not another place in which to put his stock either for storage or as a sales room

Meet me at "The Rosery," 1110 F st .- Ad.

Organ Recital Tonight. An interesting organ recital will be given by Ernest Winchester this evening at 8 o'clock in St. Paul's Church, 23d street northwest near Washington Circle. The program will include works of Handel, Guilmont, Chopin, Wagner and Von Flotow. Mr. William D. McFarland, tenor, and Mr. George Frederick Benett, baritone, of Chicago, who is visiting the family of Admiral Terry at the navy yard, will be the assist-

Homes. Investments. Look over the choice list for sale by Stone & Fairfax.—Advt.

Colonial Life Association.

At a regular meeting of Columbia Colony No. 26, Colonial Life Association, held Saturday night, at the Ralston building, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Jacob C. Peacock, governor; Huyler G. Wells, lleutenant governor; H. N. Jenkins, secretary and treasurer; Samuel B. Roane, chaplain: William A. Rutherford, master-at-arms; W. T. Rosenbaum, inner 'guard, and John E. Jackson, outer guard.

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For Ensuing Term.

The following are the newly-elected officers of Golden Rule Tent, No. 8, Knights of the Maccabees, for the ensuing term: Past commander, J. W. Steward; commander, J. W. Trumble; lieutenant commander, W. H. Hessick; record keeper, W. J. Thoroughgood (third term); chaplain, E. A. Smith; sergeant, M. Reiley; master at arms, R. G. Pulliam; first master of guard, William F. Hunt; second master of guard, Morris Wolf; sentinel, M. Schlum; picket, E. Hollidge; trustees, for two years, E. D. Thompson; for three years, E. A. Smith.

An International Arrangement. Dewar's Scotch whisky in the best American highballs.—Advt.

Child Serious Burned.

While playing about a stove yesterday afternoon at her parent's home, 502 10th street southwest, Blanche Curry was severely burned about the body. The child is not yet three years old. She was taken

Oriental Rugs at Sloan's. The sale of the palatial oriental rugs and carpets to close the copartnership of Boteler & Co. of Philadelphia continues at Sloan's, 1407 G st., tomorrow and following days at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. A grand opportunity to secure useful and valuable Xmas gifts.—Advertisement.

Trustee Elected.

The four Scottish Rite bodies controlling the Scottish Rite Cathedral, on G street between 10th and 11th streets-Mithras Lodge of Perfection, Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix, Robert De Bruce Council of Kadosh and Albert Pike Consistory-held a. Adosh and Albert Pike Consistory—field a joint meeting last evening, by representatives, and elected Frank H. Thomas member of the board of trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Oscar Roome. Resolutions were passed in acknowledgment of Mr. Roome's distinguished services.

TODAY'S STAR BY MAIL.

As the six parts of today's Star weighs 2 pounds it will require 8 cents in stamps to mail the complete issue by those desiring to mail the paper themselves. Copies will be mailed from the office for 5 cents, postage prepaid, to any address in the United States, outside of Washington.

AMUSEMENTS.

COLUMBIA THEATER.-There ome empty chairs at the Columbia Theater last night when that really great actor, Martin Harvey, made his first appearance before a Washington audience. These vacant places represented so many opportunities overlooked, for Mr. Harvey is one of the very few players whose art is genuine and unaffected and at the same time impressive. He has no need to affect a vocal volume that jars the atmosphere or to lend himself to extravagant poses. He is, of course, a master of the technical side of his profession; the eminence which he has attained in his art guaranteed that this much might be taken for granted, even before he made his appearance. He has in addition to this the tense nervous force, the compelling magnetism which establishes a bond of sympathy between the actor and his role and makes the latter an animated fellow-being and not a mere momentary fiction. It has been contended that Dickens' characters are exaggerated beyond the possi-bilities of humanity. Mr. Harvey's Sidney Carton—for the Sidney Carton of the stage belongs to Mr. Harvey almost as much as "The Tale of Two Cities" belongs to Dickens—is a refutation of those criticisms, so far, at least, as this one novel is concerned. The character is intense because of its This actor's personality is wonderfully striking. Although he is not a large man physically, he commands by sheer force of intellectuality and artistic fervor. In ap-

pearance he is well built, without being rugged, and fine featured, without effemi-nacy. He has somehow wholly escaped harsh mannerisms which mar the work of so many English stage celebrities, and while he is always the center of interest there is no trace of egoism in his methods. He is a new type; a relief from the bustling, bom-bastic performer who has worked his way up and is still hurrying and jostling in order to get on. He steps into a position of enviable eminence as one to the manner born and carries himself without a trace of selfconsciousness to suggest a doubt of his title to a natural inheritance. He does not seem to regard his art as merely a means for furthering personal ambitions, but rather to hold himself as a chosen instrument—a devotee—whose rewards are found primarily and chiefly in work itself. It seems almost fantastic that these impres sions should arise from the mere observation of a man engaged in performing a play of no higher classical pretensions than "The Only Way." But the piece is entitled to rank as a great play, because of the one character of Carton, and this actor has so completely identified himself with the role that other performances of it can be accounted successful, only so far as they are good imitations of his interpretation.

The portrayal of Carton as a Hypphand The portrayal of Carton as a drunkard and profligate presents difficulties. There is

no visible effort to palliate the grossness of the debauch in which he is first revealed, yet there is so much refinement in his nature that pity dominates disgust and the auditor follows him step by step to his splen-did sacrifice, glad that his native nobility is enough to conquer the sensual tyranny under which he has fallen, and yet sorrow ing that this tragic conclusion should be "the only way."
The production has the finish as to detail which would be expected in the case of so

distinguished and capable a player. A number of competent performances were given, notable among them being that of Miss N. de Silva as Mimi, Wm. Haviland as Ernest Defarge and Percy Anstey as Charlest Defarge and Percy Anstey as Charles Darnay.

The audience last night was unstinted in

its display of enthusiasm and Mr. Harvey, at the close of the second act, made acknowledgments in a most graceful manner. THE NEW NATIONAL .- "The Wilder-

ness' is one of those conversational London plays wherein "one" says lots of things about "one's self." After seeing it one feels that one has come through the wilderness with the characters themselves. Whether this is a tribute to the ability of H. V. Esnrond to portray the barrenness of a "season in town," or because the piece drags a bit in spots, one must decide for one's self. The dialogue is good and the English all that can be desired. But there are times when one really wishes events would move forward just a bit more rapidly. Mr. Es-mond, the playwright, has endeavored to surround his finale with doubt and uncertainty up to the very last moment. But he has drawn his characters too well and has charged the atmosphere too heavily with that "lived long and happily ever afterward" spirit to cause much doubt in the minds of his auditors as to the eventual arm-clasped love scene upon which the curtain will fail.

The Empire Theater stock company, the Frohman stepping stone to stardom, is al-ways assured of enthusiastic hearing in the capital city, and last night's audience which braved the muggy weather was im-portant from a social standpoint, as it was from a more mercenary point of view. The eading figures of the company are Charles Richman and Margaret Anglin, both of whom are well known to Washington play-goers, especially Miss Anglin. Mr. Rich-man is given the difficult task of portraying a character which has been made almost too good to be appreciated. One won-ders how he has managed to escape the tendencies of his environment for all his thirty-five years. Mr. Richman is manly in the part, however, and lends his personali-ty to it in such a large degree that it is lifted up and inspires the sympathy and confidence which the author unquestionably is striving for. Miss Anglin in the three acts goes through a remarkable transformation, much to the delight of her friends.
At the beginning she is shown as a rich husband-hunting young person of no scru-ples; her brain filled with the instilled ideas of a mercenary match-making mother. She learns things as the play goes on, however, and comes not only to admire her husband, but to love him above all things in the world. Their happiness is threatened at the end by the appearance of a former cousin-lover of the young wife, but the storm clouds are passed safely through and all ends well. William Courtleigh plays the cousin. He has the thankless task of framing a contrasting character for the good hero. Mr. Whiffen, Ethel Hor-nick, Lillian Thurgate, W. H. Crompton, Lawrence D'Orsay and others are in the cast. The play is best in the parts where

society is satirized. LAFAYETTE OPERA HOUSE.-Lavinia Shannon was accorded the warmest of wel-comes last evening at the Lafayette Opera House upon returning home after an Opera House upon returning nome after an extended absence. A native of this city, Miss Shannon must have felt particularly gratified by the evidence of regard for her on the part of the audience. As the principal character in "Beyond Pardon" she won the good will of the auditors from the initial rise of the curtain. At the end of the itial rise of the curtain. At the end of the third act a number of floral offerings were passed over the footlights. As the popular actress bowed her acknowledgments a representative of the Washington Lodge of Elks mounted the stage and, on behalf of the lodge, presented Miss Shannon with a huge bouquet of American beauty roses, saying that the recipient was held in high record by the Elks hecause of the meterial regard by the Elks because of the material assistance she had given the organization time and again in connection with its bene-fit entertainments. The audience, which in-

cluded a large delegation of local Elks, would not be quiet until Miss Shannon had made a graceful little speech, expressive of her appreciation and thanks.

"Beyond Pardon" is the work of the author of "The Power Behind the Throne" and "The Fatal Wedding." The story contains a series of thrilling climaxes. It is and "The Fatal Wedding." The story contains a series of thrilling climaxes. It is an up-to-date play, suitably mounted and costumed. Miss Shannon has a congenial rode, depicting a famous actress. Her costumes are many and elaborate. She will hold a reception on the stage after the matiness Weddresday. Miss Legis Legis Legis Legis Legis and the stage after the matiness wedgesday. nee Wednesday. Miss Louise Lewis sang several old-time songs that earned long-

continued applause.

CHASE'S THEATER.—The bill at Chase's this week came in for a generous share of applause from large audiences yesterday. Clay Clement, with his company, heads the bill, presenting "The Baron's Love Story." This sketch is rather more pretentious than the usual vaudeville offering, and it affords Mr. Clement the opportunity for refined German dialect work. There is an abundance of German in the little play, and one unacquainted with that language would probably be unable to fully appreciate some of the finer points of the piece. The brothers Martine open the bill with some remarkable acrobatic feats, not unmixed with agreeable nonsense, the most sensational feature of the act being the turning of sixty somersaults in sixty seconds by one of the brothers. The Pantzer trio contributed a number of gymnastic acts to the good things on the bill. "Mag Haggerty's Father," a clever sketch by Will M. Cressy, served to introduce Thomas J. Ryan and Mary Richfield, and, although here for the second time, was the star feature of the bill. It kept the audience in laughter during the entire performance. The program closed with moving pictures by the American vitagraph, which this time takes the audience to sea.

ACADEMY.—"A Montana Outlaw" is nently-it removes the cause and overcomes all the EUGENE SCHWAB, 525 8th st. day morning.

the issue of small leather pouches to the letter carriers for the registered mail book. These pouches are made with a strap and snap to catch on the rings of the regular

dramatic climaxes which follow each other in rapid succession, comedy and a large assortment of firearms, the latter being worn at all times and frequently used. A murder is the first thing of importance to occur, and is followed by a "neck-tle party," as the characters style a lynching. Then comes a genuine hold-up of a stage coach, the attacked party being rescued from the hands of the bandits by the hero lover and a band of cowboys. The final scene is that of a murder trial in a store, and the court is not only called to order by the sheriff, but is presided over by that official who acts in the capacity of judge, who, although knowing of the villain's persecutions of the prisoner, appoints him prosecuting attorney to conduct the case for the government, which circumstance would make it appear that they are short of the proper officials in that country. David M. Hartford and Katharine Tabor were good in their respective roles, the former being casted as the cowboy lover, while the latter was the object of his affections. Marion Hyde furnished much merriment in the part of the provel-reading girl. Specialities were furnished much merriment in the part of the novel-reading girl. Specialties were fur-nished by Marion Hyde, Maggie LeClair and John G. McDowell.

THE EMPIRE—The Dainty Pares Burlesquers, which were seen in Washington the early part of the theatrical season, are again holding the boards at the Empire. This aggregation of funmakers occupy a warm place in the hearts of the local lovers of burlesque and resists and effective and of burlesque and variety and at every appearance in this city they are given a hearty welcome. The large audiences, which filled the little playhouse yesterday afternoon and last evening, were well satisfied with the performance. The bill opens with a satire, "A Night at the Waldrough," and concludes with the burlesque, "Paris Upside Down." Both are replete with songs and novelties. The olio includes Karina, the French dancer, and Coates-Grundy and company, an aggregation of five colored

KERNAN'S LYCEUM.—This week's attraction at Kernan's Lyceum Theater is "The Brigadiers." a fairly strong burlesque company that pleased two large audiences yesterday afternoon and night. There is good singing in the opening skit, while the olio embraces several acts in which there is good dancing and singing. Coleman's dog and cat show deserves special mention on account of its entertaining qualities, the spectators easily singling it out as the feature of the performance.

Gude's American Beauties. The most perfect specimens of their kind in America. 1224 F st.--Advt.

Money to lend at 4, 5 and 6 per cent on real estate. Frank T. Rawlings, 1505 Pa. ave. -Advertisement.

CLOSE OF CONTEST. Epworth League Will Know Results Friday Evening.

The members of the Epworth League of Foundry M. E. Church will next Friday evening celebrate the close of the membership contest, which has been in progress for the last four weeks. Considerable interest has been aroused by this contest, and members of both sides, the reds and the whites, are said to have been very active. The final result of the contest will be announced Friday evening, when the losing side will entertain the victors.

The program for the evening will include elections by Prof. Holts' Mandolin and Guitar Club, solos by Miss Marie Dodd and Mr. Howard Butterworth, violin solo by Mr. Samuel Klawans and recitations by Miss Pechin and Mr. Burdick. The social will be held in the Sunday school room of Epiphany Church and will commence at 8 o'clock.

Do You Want the Best? See select list of houses for sale by Stone & Fairfax.—Advt.

To Reduce Your Butter Bill —patronize the stands of D. William Oyster, 340 Center market, Western and West End mkts. Choice Elgin Butter, 32c. lb.—Advt.

St. Stephen's Men's Club resumed its monthly meetings last evening in the parish hall, 14th street near Kenesaw avenue. The club was presided over by Judge Charles S. Bunday, president of the club. and T. H. Armstrong was elected treasurer. The committee on entertainment presented a program, among the features of which were recitations and Georgia stories by Judge Emmet Womack; an address upon suffrage in the District of Columbia, by Mr. sociation, and remarks upon the reason for establishing men's clubs, by Assistant Sec-retary F. L. Campbell of the Department

of the Interior.

In the intervals and also during the serving of the light refreshments, instrumental duets were rendered by Masters Robert Hin, plano, and Frank Allen, violin. Col. Robert F. Hill, who acted as master of ceremonies, announced that at one of the future meetings the club will have the pleasure of hearing each of its members read the literary passage that has most impressed itself upon his thought.

"Photo Etchings" Are the Latest creation in high-art photography. Strikingly similar to "Gibson" sketches. Very unique. Made exclusively at Buck's Studio, 1113 F.

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New Trial Granted.

A new trial has been granted by Justice Barnard of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on motion of the defendants in the case of Frank B. Clark against Catherine Shugrue. The cause involves the question of the location of the division line between land owned by the parties to the suit on the Conduit road, near the Washington Aqueduct. At the hearing a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$208 was rendered.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K. Business, shorthand, typewriting. \$25 a year.

The Tax on Farmers. Granville Farquhar of Olney post office, Maryland, has written to the District Commissioners saying he has been appointed by the Enterprise Farmers' Club of his section to confer with the local authorities relative to the tax imposed on farmers selling produce of their own raising in the District of Columbia. Mr. Farquhar says he hopes the Commissioners will not see fit to impose such a tax. A bill to exempt the farmers from the \$12 license tax provided for in the last appropriation act was recently referred to the Commissioners and an adverse report made thereon by the assessor. ative to the tax imposed on farmers selling

Velati's Candies for Christmas. Twould be difficult to imagine a more acreptable Xmas remembrance for the fair sex than a dainty box or fancy basket of Velati's famous chocolates, bonbons or caramels. Orders for out-of-town shipment should be left without delay to insure care in packing. Two stores, 620 9th st. and 1408½ & st.—Advt.

Collateral Forfeited.

William J. Giddings and Walter W. Wallin, proprietors of a store on Carroll avenue northwest, forfeited \$5 collateral in the Police Court today on a charge of selling lard not up to the standard required by law.

Catarrh

owels or more delicate organs, catarrh is always debilitating and should never fail of attention. It is a discharge from the mucous membran when kept in a state of inflammation by an impure, commonly scrofulous, condition of the blood.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures all forms of catarrh, radically and permaFOR REGISTERED MAIL

Small Leather Pouches Issued to Letter Carriers. The local post office officials have begun

long and six inches wide, and are provided with loops through which a pencil may be inserted. The pouches were issued to the letter carriers having registered mail for the first time this morning and will be used in the future altogether. Postmaster Merin the future altogether. Postmaster Merritt desires that the carriers shall be provided with every facility for the safe carriage of the mail intrusted to them.

He expects to receive a report from the superintendent of free delivery on the recent tests made under his direction of the use of the automobile for collecting mail. It is understood that these tests have resulted most satisfactorily for the use of the automobile. The vehicle was put in service for almost a week over the busiest route in the city and was used for the day collections almost exclusively. It was found that the auto could get over two routes in the time consumed by the regular collector in covering one. This would show that makcovering one. This would show that mak-ing two collections a day the automobile will do the work of four men. The report on the tests is now in the course of prep-

OUTWITTED THE OLD FOLKS. Marriage of Virginia Couple Notwithstanding Objections.

course of the next two or three days.

Miss Annie M. Rush and Mr. Ray C. Gaunt were married in the office of Justice L. I. O'Neil this morning. The former is from near Woodstock, Va., while the groom lives at Berryville, in the accoining county. Objection was made to the marriage on the part of the young lady's mether and guardian, and it was necessary for the young man to outwit them in order to escape with his flancee. He was visiting at Woodstock, and yesterday he arranged to have a team in waiting to carry the young woman and himself to a railroad station. Miss Rush left home, pretending she was going to Woodstock to make some purchases. Tickets were purchased for a trip in the direction of Hagerstown, but after a short ride the couple left the train and came to this city over another road. A telegram was sent to Hagerstown, which it was thought would stop the marriage ceremony, but the couple arrived here about the time the message reached the Maryland town. They left on an afternoon train for Berryville.

"Old Braddock" Maryland Rye is essential not only at Xmas time, but at all times. Invaluable for medicinal needs. Sold by all leading dealers.—Advt.

Smoke Law Amendments. To the Editor of The Evening Star:

In amending the anti-smoke law, care should be taken not to make it too liberal. To allow two smoke periods of three minutes each in every hour seems to me so liberal as to create a nuisance if many boiler and furnace operators should take advantage of such a provision. If Washington is to maintain its reputation as a beau tiful city, some sort of effective and practicable anti-smoke law must be strictly en forced. No more smoke should be allowed than is absolutely necessary in stoking. The present law is too severe for strict en forcement. To get at a correct and just period of toleration, experiments should be made by disinterested experts before the present law is amended.

It is said that the health office allows a

certain amount of dense smoke without prosecuting; but no executive officer should have any discretion in the matter. present anti-smoke act partially enforced puts the people at the mercy of the health office instead of at the mercy of the law itself. The health officer should not be the autocrat of the smokestack. THOMAS W. GILMER.

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APPEALS TO HIGHEST COURT. John L. O'Brien Resists Transfer to This City.

The delay in the arrival of John Lawrence O'Brien from San Francisco to answer a charge of embezzlement from Mr. Frank Hume, by whom he was employed as salesman and collector, was explained in a mail pouches. They are about eight inches dispatch received by Capt. Beardman today. The case has been appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, and OBrien is in the county jail in San Francisco. This move may result in a delay of several months in bringing the accused here for trial.

> Meet me at "The Rosery," 1110 F st.-Ad. Sedgwick Regiment, U. V. U., Elects Officers.

At the regular annual election of officers for the ensuing year by Sedgwick Regiment, No. 3, U. V. U., the following were chosen: Fred Hope, colonel; H. B. Moulton, lieutenant colonel; A. B. Frisbie, major; S. S. Lincoln, chaplain; I. B. Thacher, quartermaster, and H. W. Warmouth, surgeon. The regiment presented to its re-tiring adjutant, G. L. Claton, a beautiful tiring adjutant, G. L. Claton, a beautiful fountain pen as a token of esteem for his services, as well as their respect for him as a comrade. General J. F. Freeman of Kentucky, first deputy national commander, addressed the meeting on the progress of the order in that division.

The re-election of Colonel Hope by unanimous vote marks the esteem in which he is held by his comrades for his efficient work during the past year. aration, the postmaster is informed, and will be ready for his examination within the

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Winfred J. Foss forfeited \$5 collateral in the Police Court yesterday for violating the speed law while operating a horseless vehicle on Connecticut avenue. A similar amount was forfeited by Frank C. Sanders of 700 7th street southwest for selling cider not up to the standard. For Nearly One Hundred Years

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Members of the family of Jesse Holt of 149 L street southeast were aroused about clock this morning by a cry of fire. The fire department was summoned to the house by the turning in of an alarm. It proved that there was a slight blaze in the chimney, which was extinguished before more than \$5 damage had been done.

Sittings for Photos Made This Week Finished for Xmas. Estabrook's, 1227 Pa. av. del6-tu,th&f,3t

Dometic Sewing Machines, \$7.50,

At OPPENHEIMER'S, 514 9th n.w. The Only Up-Town Lumber Yard. Elsinger's, 2109 7th st. n.w., junction of 9th st. and Brightwood cars. Weather strip, the best, 1c. per ft. de16-tu,th,s-3t*

A man named Owen Keefe, who was dis-charged from the Washington Asylum Hospital yesterday morning, was found wan-dering about the streets in the vicinity of North Capitol and H streets later in day. He was taken charge of by Mr. ler, who had him admitted to the Little Sisters of the Poor,

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